

## Gas Attack on Capital Almost Impossible, Defense Class Is Told

Planes Would Have to Reach City in Force, Namey Declares

Enemy gas attack on the entire Washington area is virtually impossible, women taking a civilian defense training course at the National Museum were told today by Theodore Namey of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Mr. Namey said a gas attack, if it comes, would be directed against armed forces rather than civilians. "Even in the last war, when the Germans first used poison gas, they were afraid to follow up their advantage," Mr. Namey said. "They killed several thousand Allied troops, but fear of what the gas might do to them after they reached Allied trenches kept them in their own lines."

Enemy planes would have to reach Washington in large force and concentrate a gas attack to cause great damage, the speaker said, adding "they first would have to get by the coast and District air defenses."

Gas masks, he explained, are "one-way streets for inhalation and exhalation." Gas must be heavier than air and of a persistent lingering quality to cause great damage. Mr. Namey asserted, since "gas lighter-than-air evaporates quickly."

He described demolition, incendiary and gas bombs, and urged housewives to keep a bucket of dry sand on each floor to extinguish the incendiary types.

Urging members of the class to witness chemical warfare demonstrations, Mr. Namey said fears of incendiaries disappears after one sees a slow-burning bomb.

## Survey Shows Plane Output Rising Daily, Says Wallgren

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—Senator Wallgren, Democrat, of Washington of the Senate (Truman) Committee Investigating War Production said in an interview yesterday that "after looking into the records we find that the plants are turning out planes faster every day."

"The public should remember," he continued, "that the aviation plants here are more or less assembly plants, buying from more than 4,000 vendors of parts, and when one or more of these vendors cannot deliver, a bottleneck may be created."

"These bottlenecks now are being opened rapidly. The aluminum situation, for instance, is being straightened out, although the size of the program we are starting requires a lot more aluminum."

Senator Kilgore, Democrat, of West Virginia said he was utterly amazed by the ship construction speed at the California Shipbuilding Corp. yards which members of the committee inspected yesterday.

## Mohawk Haircut Upsets School; Ban Follows

A semi-official ban on Mohawk haircuts in the Montgomery Blair High School was issued today after a 17-year-old student appeared for his classes with all his hair—except a strip down the middle—shaved off. John Palmer, 8204 Nolte avenue, Silver Spring, Md., went to the barber yesterday and ordered a "Mohawk haircut." The barber, understanding his wants perfectly, obliged.

When John arrived at school today, the tonsorial style was a sensation. His classmates crowded around to inspect the job and it was obvious that a boom in the barber business was a-bubbling. In fact, fellow students abandoned any thought of study of anything but John's haircut. Authorities stepped in and early in the morning John was on his way home with orders to (1) grow some hair on the rest of his head to go with the 3-inch strip down the middle or (2) to get the strip cut off, too.

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## Pétain Disputed Full Worth of Warplanes, Daladier Testifies

Marshal's Statement in 1939 Is Quoted At Riom Trial

By the Associated Press. RIOM, Unoccupied France, March 19.—Former Premier Edouard Daladier, one of five men on trial on charges of responsibility for France's defeat, quoted Marshal Pétain today to show that army chiefs did not sufficiently appreciate the value of aviation.

As France's lack of planes continued to draw heavy blame for the German victory, M. Daladier read from a book entitled, "Is an Invasion Still Possible?" this extract of a preface written in 1939 by the man who now is chief of the French state: "Direct action of aerial forces in battle is a moot question, for troops engaged in combat on land are disposed to receive blows and return them. It is by indirect action over the rear that aviation activity is exercised most efficiently."

Both M. Daladier and another defendant, former Air Minister Guy La Chambre, attributed the plane shortage to army leaders. Replying to assertions by Gen. Edouard Requin that his 4th army had no aviation protection against



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tanks. M. La Chambre said: "Not any plane can be used for any assignment. For a plane to act as protection against tanks it must have certain characteristics which must have been planned in advance by the general staff."

M. Requin retorted, "All I know is that aside from a few planes which I have mentioned (a dozen or so assigned to his army) and which did heroic work, I did not see any aviation on the French side."

M. Requin also asserted, "My army had a grand total of 225 tanks of all sorts against 1,600 tanks which were reported facing us."

At the start of his testimony today he disclosed that the French had started an offensive in Alsace a week after war was declared, "but we were ordered to halt at the

lines held September 14, 1939, because Polish resistance had collapsed completely under the violent assaults of German aviation."

## Malta Has 18 Alerts

VALLETTA, Malta, March 19 (AP).—Enemy aircraft carried out a prolonged attack on a Malta airdrome late yesterday. It was the 18th alert since Tuesday night.

## Woman Problem Raised

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By the Associated Press. IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, March 19.—Marvin Jaeger knows now what an air raid is like. He heard a high-pitched snarl of a diving plane over his barn. He ran outside—sure enough, his barn was afire, and the plane making another dive at it. Practically (and futilely) he started tossing buckets of water on the blaze. A few minutes later came the wailing of sirens.

It was the fire department, though, not an air-raid warning. Pilot Rex Pilling, making a morning flight, saw the fire, dived his plane until he attracted Mr. Jaeger's attention and then called the fire department, a detail that hadn't occurred to Mr. Jaeger.

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